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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
 Kouichi OKUGAMI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4835  
 Application No.: 10/787,221 : Group Art Unit: 3682  
 Filed: February 27, 2004 : Examiner: Justin Krause

For: TRANSMISSION COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND  
 TAPERED ROLLER BEARING

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

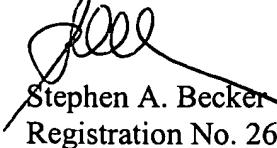
Mail Stop Status Inquiry  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 27, 2004. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, **and as attorney for applicant has not received a response to the first Status Inquiry filed August 25, 2005**, Applicant again respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before June 21, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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